

Getting Started

Motion to Continue or Extend Time

IMPORTANT: This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to use a *Motion to Continue or Extend Time* form in your case. Your use of these forms does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the forms and file them with the court, read the *How to File & Send a Motion to Continue or Extend Time & Notice of Court Date for Motion* instruction sheet and the instructions on the forms.

Names of the forms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Motion to Continue or Extend Time</i> • <i>Order Granting/Denying Motion to Continue or Extend Time</i>
Purpose of the forms:	Use these forms when you want to ask the judge to continue (reschedule) a court date that has already been scheduled or for more time to do something (like file an <i>Answer</i>).
Types of cases the forms CAN be used for:	All civil cases. For example, divorce cases, family cases, eviction cases, small claims cases, lawsuits for injury or property damage, and contract disputes.
Types of cases the forms CANNOT be used for:	All criminal, traffic, and juvenile justice cases.
Cost to file the forms:	None.
Special information or papers needed to complete the forms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are asking the court to continue (reschedule) a court date that has already been scheduled, you will need to know that date and time. • You may also need a <i>Notice of Court Date for Motion</i> form but some courts do not require it. • If you use a <i>Notice of Court Date for Motion</i>, you should also read <i>Getting Started Notice of Court Date for Motion</i>. • You may also need a <i>Proof of Delivery</i> for the <i>Order</i>. • See <i>How to File & Send a Motion to Continue or Extend Time & Notice of Court Date for Motion</i>.
Rules covering the forms:	Illinois Supreme Court Rule 183 , 231
Where to find the forms and instruction sheet:	http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/
For more information:	Read the <i>How To File & Send a Motion to Continue or Extend Time & Notice of Court Date for Motion</i> instruction sheet that comes with these forms. You may also find more information, resources, and the location of your local county self help center at: http://www.illinoislegalaid.org .